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3. INTERNATIONAL: //INITIAL REACTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S THIRD ANNUAL REPORT ON WORLDWIDE HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES HAVE BEEN MODERATE.//(C NF)

//MANY COUNTRIES SEEM RESIGNED TO THE YEARLY "SCORE-CARD" WHILE OTHERS HAVE TRIED OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS TO IMPROVE THEIR IMAGE. ARGENTINE PRESIDENT VIDELA, WHO BELIEVES THAT THE REPORT REFLECTED PROGRESS IN HIS COUN-TRY ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AUTHORIZED THE TRANSLATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE SECTION ON ARGENTINA IN ALL LOCAL PAPERS.// (C NF)

//THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, REITERATING THE POSITION ADOPTED LAST YEAR, SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE NO OFFICIAL NOTICE OF A FOREIGN REPORT THAT DEALT WITH THE COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. BRAZILIAN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE REPORT TENDED TO EMPHASIZE THE GENERALLY POSITIVE THRUST OF THE SECTION ON BRAZIL. (C NF)

//IN CHILE, MEDIA REACTION WAS LOW-KEY, WITH ONE GOVERNMENT-OWNED NEWSPAPER CHARACTERIZING THE OVERALL REPORT AS "OPTIMISTIC." A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, ASSERTED THAT THE REPORT WOULD STRENGTHEN THOSE FORCES ARGUING AGAINST IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE US.//(C NF)

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